

has been reaffirmed by Bridwell within the past month (Journ. Washington Acad. of Sci., Febr. 1946, 36: 53).

THE TRIBAL POSITION OF EUSPHYRUS LECONTE.

Pierce (Proc. U. S. N. Mus., 1930, v. 77, art. 17, p. 22) has removed *Eusphyrus* from the proximity of *Ormiscus*, and allocated it in his new tribe Platystomini. Nevertheless, its relations are with *Ormiscus*, to the vicinity of which it should be returned, in Pierce's tribe Phaenithonini, if that tribe be recognized. It is true that it approximates the Platystomini in having the surface of the pronotum behind the ridge short and nearly vertical, but in this is only a step beyond *Toxotropis*. It agrees closely with *Ormiscus* and *Toxotropis* in its emarginate eyes, and in having the pronotal carina turning down and not at all forwards at the sides, thus terminating in a little lobe or wing; in these and other respects it is unlike the Platystomini, with which it seems to have no really close association.

Prey Records of Gorytine Wasps (Hymenoptera, Sphecidae).—Although it is well known that Gorytine wasps generally provision their nests with Homoptera, there are relatively few records of the prey of the North American species. The following notes may thus be of interest.

Ochleroptera bipunctata (Say) [olim *Gorytes* seu *Paramellinus bipunctatus* Say]:—Ithaca, N. Y., July 19, 1936; with the Cercopid, *Philaenus lineatus* (L.).

Gorytes atricornis Packard:—Ithaca, N. Y., June 27, 1936; with the Membracid, *Cyrtolobus tuberosus* (Fairmaire).

Hoplisoides nebulosus (Packard):—Moose P. O., Jackson Hole, Wyoming, elevation 6600 ft., July 19, 1929; an immature Membracid, probably of the genus *Palonica* Ball.

Hoplisoides spilopterus (Handlirsch):—Wenatchee, Washington, July 5; with the Membracid, *Stictocephala wickhami* Van Duzee.

Psammaletes pechumani Pate:—northern Virginia; with the Fulgorid, *Ormenoides venusta* (Melichar).

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